In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 9 of the substitute specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Another embodiment includes the step of applying a coat of ~~laquer~~ lacquer on the strip wherein the ~~laquer~~ lacquer evaporates at a temperature generated by a welding process forming a mirror inverted proportional image.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 13 of the substitute specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The above measures are ~~of~~ advantageous too, since they enable the optimum mutual adaptation of the materials involved so as to ensure a reproduction on the strip as perfect as possible.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 9 of the substitute specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

--FIGS. 1 and 2 depict a spot welding device 1 and, in particular, a welding tong 2 for the resistance welding of metal sheets 3, 4 or structural components, said spot welding device 1 being preferably employed in robotic applications. In a preferred manner, the spot welding device 1 is equipped with a spot welding tool 5 and a winding device ~~(not illustrated)~~ 16 for winding a unwinding a strip 7 or foil transversely engaging at an electrode 6, said winding device 16 being arranged either directly on the welding tong 2 or externally therefrom.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 18 of the substitute specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The guidance of the strip 7 about the electrode 6 may be realized in the most different ways, which is why just one exemplary embodiment will be briefly explained below. In this context, it should be mentioned that such an exemplary embodiment does not require the use of a spot welding tool 5, but merely the presence of an electrode 6, any further components 16 for guiding and winding or unwinding the strip 7 being designed as separate devices 16 and arranged accordingly. In the embodiment

illustrated, a spacer 9 is arranged around the electrode 6 in the region of an electrode cap 8, or contact surface of the electrode 6 with the metal sheet 3, 4 or structural component. The spacer 9 is, for instance, movably attached to the electrode 6 in a manner that additional pressure can be imparted on the workpiece or metal sheets 3, 4 via the spacer 9. It is, furthermore, ensured by the movable mounting of the spacer 9 that the spacer 9 will lift the strip 67 off the electrode 6 after a welding process, i.e., that the spacer 9 will automatically lift the strip 7 off the electrode surface or electrode cap 8 during or after the opening of the welding tong 2, whereas the spacer 9 will be displaced relative to the electrode 6 during closing of the welding tong 2, thus causing the strip 7 to enter into abutment on the electrode 6.--

Please replace the Abstract of the disclosure with the replacement Abstract attached hereto.